

WEATHER FORECAST.
Fair to-day; to-morrow, un-
settled; light variable winds.

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PRESIDENT HOLDS UNIONS ILLEGAL IN GOVERNMENT

Employees Have Privileges
Barring Organization.

STRIKE A GRAVE MENACE

Complaints Should Go Through
Superior Officer.

Union Men Hear Startling Talk.
Government Employees Receive No
Encouragement—Constitution May
Place Ban on Organization—Plea
May Not Be Made Direct to Con-
gress—Strikes Are Dangerous.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 14.—Pres-
ident Taft, before the convention of
the Brotherhood of Railway Train-
men here to-day, expressed his op-
position to the organization of
unions among government employ-
ees.

The President gave as his reason
for this feeling against the postal
clerks and others the status of the
government employees as privileged,
working under different conditions
than in the service of individuals.

The strike of the railroad em-
ployees in France was given as an
example of the great injury done to
a government by the organization of
the workmen in unions.

EMPLOYEES PRIVILEGED.

"Government employees are a privileged
class," said the President, "and it
is right that there should be imposed on
them certain limitations as to their ac-
tivities that the employees of private em-
ployers might properly resent. For in-
stance, their political activity is very
largely curtailed under the rules promul-
gated by the President, and I have al-
ready referred to Congressional limita-
tions by statute in respect of the matter
of political contributions.

"Those who defend their combinations
and insist upon a wider range of ac-
tivity for them, maintain that they ought
to have in full the Constitutional right
of assembling in bodies and in going to
Congress with petitions for grievances.
"I think this right might be denied them
under the Constitution without any viola-
tion of the provisions of that instru-
ment, because entering the public ser-
vice they may be subjected properly to
any conditions which Congress or the
persons in authority think necessary to
maintain their efficiency and loyalty to
the government. But I am very willing
to admit that such limitations ought not
to be any more than the interests of the
government and the people at large re-
quire.

"The reasons I have already given, if
seems to me, ought to be quite enough
if the present orders did not permit and
secure the forwarding to Congress of
their complaints and in going to Con-
gress with petitions for grievances.
of the terms of their employment; that
these should be permitted, but should be
required to be made through the superior
officers of those who are in the ser-
vice, and finally through the head
of the department who may be given
an opportunity to consent upon the jus-
tice or injustice of the complaint and
petition made.

Right to Doubt.

"In some respects a more important
issue is whether the employees of the
government should be allowed to form

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ALARM TIMES DEATH.

Clock Awakens Man Determined to
End Life.

Special to The Washington Herald.

McKeesport, Pa., 14.—Otto Strubitz, aged
forty-three, used the alarm clock as one
of the means of reminding him that to-
day was to be his last on earth. Before
going to bed last night he set the alarm
for 4 o'clock, and was aroused promptly
at that hour.

Proceeding to the river he boarded his
motor boat and sailed to Port View,
where he went to a hill overlooking the
Monongahela River, tied one end of a
rope to his neck and the other to the limb
of a tree and jumped off.

BULLET LODGES IN HIS BACK.

Ransom Wilson Will Be Able to
Identify Negro Assassin.

Although he has a bullet in his back,
Ransom Wilson, the grocer who was shot
Saturday night as he was closing his
store by a negro, was sitting up in bed at
the home of his mother, Mrs. R. Wilson,
54 H street northwest, yesterday after-
noon when Detectives Cornwall and Baur
called at the house. An operation will be
performed this morning in an effort to
extract the bullet.

Leck Thomas, a negro, was arrested
yesterday morning by the police of the
Eleventh precinct, charged with the
crime. He refused to tell why he was
wandering in the woods at Twining City,
where he was apprehended. He was
turned over to the police of the Ninth
precinct last night, and will be brought
before Wilson for identification.
The police yesterday found a dirk that
Wilson says he has seen before. The
knife was found outside the door of the
store.

FOUR ARE KILLED.

Trainmen Die in Head-on Collision
of Trains.

White River Junction, Vt., May 14.—
Four men were killed and three others
seriously injured when two freight trains
met head-on at Devil Curve, two miles
south of this town, early this morning.
The wreckage caught fire, destroying
some of the cars and burning the bodies
of some of the victims.

Those killed were Ralph H. Fairman,
Vernon, Vt.; James M. Livingston,
Greenfield, Mass.; both brakemen; H. L.
Webber, Ware, Mass.; fireman; and Roy
Kendall, Brattleboro, Vt., brakeman.
The seriously injured are Edward Mc-
Donald, St. Albans, engineer; William T.
Pellissier, Northampton, Mass., engi-
neer, and W. C. Weinlich, fireman.

MRS. TAFT SICK IN EXCITEMENT OF LONG TRAVEL

Nervous Ailment Returns on
Trip with President.

CONDITION NOT SERIOUS

New York, May 15.—A nervous attack,
said to be a recurrence of an illness
suffered two years ago, confined Mrs. Wil-
liam H. Taft to the home of Henry W.
Taft, 38 West Forty-eighth street, and
caused a change in the plans of President
Taft, which brought him back to New
York from Harrisburg, Pa.

Mrs. Taft accompanied her husband to
Newark Saturday and New York Satur-
day night, where they were guests of
honor at a banquet of the American
Academy of Political Science.
It was the plan of the President and
his wife that they should remain in town
to-day and she was to accompany him
to Harrisburg yesterday morning, where
the President was to make an address,
and from there they were to return to
Washington.

During the dinner Mrs. Taft became
ill, and later had to leave the hotel for
the home of her brother-in-law, where
she was later joined by the President.
After midnight Dr. Ewan M. Evans was
called, and on his advice a trained nurse
was sent for and remained with Mrs.
Taft all of to-day.

Miss Helen Taft was summoned from
Washington and arrived to-night. She
will remain with her mother; but the
improved late to-night that it was an-
nounced that President Taft would re-
turn to Washington at 10 o'clock to-
morrow.
Robert and Charles Taft, the two sons,
were notified that there was nothing
serious in their mother's condition.
It was just two years ago next Wed-
nesday when Mrs. Taft, who was making
a trip on the yacht Sylph from Washing-
ton to Mount Vernon, suffered a nervous
attack which caused her to abandon all
social activities for some months. Her
present illness is of the same nature.
Dr. Evans said shortly before midnight:
"Mrs. Taft is distinctly better to-night
in every respect. In a few days she will
probably be out. She is getting on very
well."

MERCHANT KILLED FOR \$900 HOARD

Searching Party Finds Body
with Money Gone.

Norfolk, Va., May 14.—In a little fringe
of woods on the edge of Paradise Creek,
a party of searchers scouring the coun-
try in quest of J. L. Benton, forty-four
years old, who had been missing from
his home since last Friday, found him
with a gaping wound in his face caused
by a shotgun.

Benton had accumulated considerable
money, which he carried about with him
wherever he went. He had in his pocket
when he left his home Friday morn-
ing nearly \$900. His pockets were
searched to-day the money was gone.

MYSTIC SPELL PASSES FROM ALTA MARHEVKA

Girl Awakens to Find Hypnotic Spell of Dead Doctor
Gone and Love for Life Returns.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, May 14.—A pallid-faced
young girl opened her eyes to-day in a
room flooded with sunlight. She
blinked in apparent wonder at the
bulky brass buttoned guardian at the
bedside.
"Why," she sighed perplexedly, "I
feel so—so different. I—I have passed
through a frightful nightmare."

Alta Marhevka, who, for six years,
followed blindly the paths of Hindoo
lore blazed by her "Goura," the
slain Dr. W. C. Lanson—had found her-
self.

Alta Marhevka, mystical young
seeress, was gone, and in her place
on the hospital pallet lay Ida Rosen-
thal, simple young Ghetto maiden. It
was a transformation sudden and
startling to the authorities of the
Washington Heights Hospital, where
the young girl is under arrest on a
charge of attempted suicide following
the unexplained violent death of
Dr. Lanson.

WHILE THERE'S LIFE, THERE IS HOPE.



News item—"Uncle Joe" Cannon says he proposes to live until he is 150 years old.

DR PEARSON ENDS YEARS OF LABOR

Aged Philanthropist Leaves
Business Cares.

Chicago, May 14.—Dr. O. K. Pear-
son, the Hinsdale philanthropist, whose
gifts to educational and charitable in-
stitutions aggregate nearly \$6,000,000,
yesterday fixed upon the beginning of
next week as the time when he is re-
tire completely from public life, and
in the society of a few chosen friends
await the summons that will bring to
a close his long and useful earthly
career.

Dr. Pearson, who was 91 years old
on April 21, jokingly promised his
friends that he intends to remain with
them until he is 100, but no one knows
better than he that he may not be al-
lowed to remain here that long and
now he is getting ready to take his
first real "vacation."

There is just one transaction that
Dr. Pearson wishes to dispose of before
he goes into retirement. That is the
sale of his house and contents in Hins-
dale.

KAISER ARRIVES.

German Ruler and Consort Reach
English Port.

London, May 14.—The German Imperial
yacht Hohenzollern, escorted by two
German cruisers and four British de-
stroyers, arrived at Sheerness this even-
ing.

The Kaiser and Kaiserin are aboard,
coming to attend the unveiling of the
Victoria memorial on Tuesday. As it
is a state visit, salutes were exchanged,
and all war ships dressed ship. The Emperor
and Empress will be in London on Mon-
day.

DOG MOURNS DEATH.

Animal Follows Ashes of Master
to Cemetery.

Edinburg, May 14.—Lafayette's ashes
were buried to-day between the paws
of the embalmed body of Beauty, his
favorite dog, in the Edinburgh ceme-
tery.

A royal funeral could not have been
bigger. Crowds were dense along the
three-mile route to the cemetery.
The chief mourner was Lafayette's
second favorite dog, which rode alone
in a certain automobile. There were
numerous human followers.

Church 100 Years Old.

The centenary of Trinity M. E. Church,
Pennsylvania avenue and Fifth street
southeast, was celebrated yesterday.
When Rev. Dr. H. S. France, the pastor,
outlined the history and the work done
since its institution, Rev. Dr. W. P.
Thirfield, of Howard University, ad-
dressed the congregation in the morning
sermon.

Belthury Not Proven.

Dover, Del., May 14.—The judges of the
court of general sessions rendered a ver-
dict of not guilty in the election bribery
case of Thomas E. Marvel and Charles
E. Moore. Two other cases, those of
Charles F. Moore and Thomas Davis,
were continued until the July term of
court.

ENGINE CRASHES INTO AUTOMOBILE; THREE ARE KILLED

Laughter Ends When Train
Strikes Big Machine.

TWO DYING IN HOSPITAL

Herkimer, N. Y., May 14.—Emerging
swiftly from the end of a bridge, which
deadened sound and cut off all view of
danger, an automobile containing three
women and two men was struck and
torn to pieces by a milk train of the
New York Central Railroad four miles
north of here late to-day.

The dead:
F. B. VAN WIE, civil engineer, Fultonville.
FRED HARVEY, chauffeur, Amsterdam, N. Y.
JULIA BILLINGTON, Fultonville.

The injured:
MRS. VAN WIE, wife of the man who was killed;
condition serious.

GERTRUDE JONES, Rome, N. Y., in Little
Falls Hospital; expected to die.

Miss Billington and Miss Jones were
the guests of Mrs. Van Wie. The party
had set out early in the afternoon for
a long ride through the country, and were
on their way to the Van Wie home in
Fultonville.

As the machine sped across the bridge
the members of the party were talking
and laughing. The sudden shriek of a
train whistle, and the rattling jolting of
the machine as Harvey, in desperation,
threw down the breaks, brought them
to an abrupt and terrible realization of
their peril. Harvey, and Hicks, the en-
gineer of the milk train, had seen one
another at the same moment.

The big five-passenger touring car
reached the middle of the track just as
the engine of the train reached the cross-
ing. The members of the automobile
party were flung into the air and the
machine was ground to bits beneath the
train.

G. A. R. MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Kit Carson Post Honors Death of
Comrades.

Members of Kit Carson Post, No. 2, G.
A. R., last night observed their annual
memorial service at Hamilton M. E.
Church. Rev. Joseph M. M. Gray, pastor
of the church, spoke of the lasting union
between the North and the South that
grew out of the civil war.

The members who died between May
1, 1861, and May 14, 1865, were E. A.
Reilly, W. S. Chase, M. V. Bachman,
G. M. Van Buren, T. H. Looker, Rodney
Chipp, G. W. Scheerer, Richard Horan,
C. E. Hawkins, C. E. Goodno, W. H.
Myers, C. L. Williams, W. H. Reese, J. M.
Jones, J. E. Hazzard, W. P. Hux-
ford, T. J. Burrell, Joseph Hooper, Mau-
rice Pechin, W. G. Bone, W. E. Benda,
C. P. Lincoln, and W. J. Johnston.

Convict Kills Himself.

Michigan City, Ind., May 14.—John
Smith, a thirty-nine-year-old convict,
serving a term of from ten to twenty
years for burglary, committed suicide
in the State prison by plunging forty
feet from the fifth gallery of one of the
cell houses to the stone floor. His skull
was crushed.

OUTLAW SHOTS FIVE.

Fight Ends When Cabin Fort Is
Fired by posse.

Montgomery, Ala., May 14.—Barricaded
in a cabin, Tom Benson, colored, defied
a posse which sought to arrest him for
killing another negro this morning, and
shot down five of his pursuers. His life
was cut short by fire which the posse
finally applied to the cabin.

Benson killed another negro about
twelve miles from here this morning and
fled. Sheriff Hood summoned a posse
and chased Benson, who took refuge in
a cabin and defied arrest. The posse
opened fire on the cabin, the negro re-
turning it and shooting down deputy after
deputy.

FEDERALS OFFER BRIBE TO REBEL TO QUIT MADERO

Orozco Claims Peace Agent
Offered Him Money.

DISSENSION HAS GONE

BY ALFRED HENRY LEWIS.

El Paso, Tex., May 14.—The Ameri-
can legion has quit the rebel cause and
as individuals passed over to the
American side of the river. I've talked
with Col. Paul Maron, of Waverly
Place, New York; James Boyle, former-
ly sergeant in the fighting Sixty-
ninth New York National Guard, and
Second Lieut. Crum. They are sore on
the insurgents with whom they had
been fighting, and in particular they
spoke slightly of Garibaldi, who
commanded them.

The disgruntled Americans, who
without doubt did the heavy fighting
at Juarez, say they were made the
subject of envy and insult by the less
valorous Mexicans.

They wired Diaz, that if he cared
to put up \$150,000 in safe hands the
American legion, numbering fifty fight-
ing men, would cross the Rio Grande
and retake Juarez from Madero, as
they had taken it from Navarro.

So far, Diaz, in the words of the
Bowerly, "hasn't come across with the
money" and Juarez remains in the hands
of Madero, while the legion is looking
for jobs. One of them, Col. Mason, told
me that on Monday he thought he would
go to work as a conductor on the El
Paso Street Railway.

No street cars were operated between
El Paso and Juarez to-day. The principal
reason was the fear of contagion,
but there was fear also that there might
be more rioting, and that if Americans
flocked to the rebel capital of Madero
they would be in danger.

The day passed quietly, however, and
the insurgents spent the time preparing
for a march to the south in search of
approaching federals. If any are coming,
a courier came in to-day and reported
1,200 federals only eighty-one miles away.

During the day, Pascual Orozco stirred
things a bit with a statement that Es-
quivel Obregon, one of the go-betweens
in peace negotiations, had offered to
bribe him if he would pull off from Ma-
dero and break up the revolution. Obre-
gon will be arrested by the insurgents
if he crosses the border again into
Juarez from El Paso.

Gen. Juan Navarro, who escaped from
Juarez yesterday, on parole, is exerting
his efforts in El Paso to-night to have his
former officers returned to Juarez as
prisoners of war. When they surrendered
in Juarez last week they were all pa-
roled, and most of them have come to
El Paso and broken their parole. Gen.
Navarro has been securing them person-
ally and urging them to return. He
says he holds himself ready to return
to Juarez at Madero's command.

Gen. Navarro confirms the statement
that the insurgents secured \$900 in
cash from Paymaster Capt. Fernandez
de Costa when they captured Juarez.
Orozco, in a statement relative to the
one Madero made yesterday, declares
that "I made a mistake, and am very re-
pentant."

As to the bribery charge, he says: "I
was talking with Obregon and stated that
we were short of money and food for
the army. Obregon said: 'Oh, never
mind; whenever you need money come to
me.'"

EXPLOSION KILLS.

Fishermen Die When Dynamite Is
Discharged.

Utica, May 14.—Herbert Klock and
Howard Tuff, fishermen, were killed in
Chase's Lake, near Lovett, this morn-
ing by the explosion of dynamite they
were about to set off in an attempt to
make a big haul of fish.

The men were adjusting the fuse on
the dynamite preparatory to lowering it
to the bottom of the lake when it ex-
ploded. Their boat was blown to pieces.

Boy Held for Theft.

Mahanoy City, Pa., May 14.—Arrested
on suspicion of burglarizing four homes
in the First ward, Joseph Roman and
John Lime, thirteen years of age, and
schoolboys, confessed before Justice
Wyatt and were held to await trial.

Widow to Wed Englishman.

London, May 14.—The engagement is
announced of Carolyn Wilfray Bellair,
former member of Parliament, and Mrs.
Charlotte D. Garrett, widow of Horatio
W. Garrett, of Baltimore, Md., and
daughter of H. L. Pierson, of Lawrence,
Mass.

Escapes Death in Fire.

Williamsport, Pa., May 14.—Frank
Chandler, the State Run man who was
believed to have perished in the Black
Forest fire, returned last night. He lay
two hours in a creek to escape the fire
and averted rain out in the Pine Creek
creek.

FEDERALS FEAR TRAITORS WILL SEIZE CAPITAL

Rebel Sympathizers Hold
Posts in Diaz Army.

FIGUEROA NEARS CITY

Attack from Within Is Problem
for Defenders.

Troops Assembled Under Madero's
Aid—Figueroa Is Dictator in Two
States—Troops in Mexico City De-
pleted—Arms Brought for Rebel
Use—Diaz Regime Is Denounced—
Leader Has Much Power.

Mexico City, May 14.—The ar-
mistice arranged between the govern-
ment and Figueroa, command-
ing the rebels in Guerrero, has been
broken, and there is strong possibi-
lity of an attack upon Mexico City
within two weeks, if the rebel plans
materialize.

A correspondent who accompa-
nied Francisco Figueroa, the rebel
peace envoy and brother of the
leader, who left Mexico City Tues-
day carrying a government proposi-
tion, which proved unacceptable to
the rebels, advised last night that
an attack upon Iguala might be ex-
pected to-day.

Miranda, leading 4,000 rebels,
left Buena Vista last night for
Iguala, which is fifteen miles dis-
tant, expected that little trouble
would be encountered in taking the
town, as the garrison there is small
and the rebels are well armed.

Figueroa's plan is to capture
Iguala, then Chilpancingo and Cuen-
navaca, and afterward to march on
Mexico City.

LEADER HAS POWER.

The capture of the three towns men-
tioned will give absolute control of Guer-
rero and Morelos. While working under
Madero's orders in the general campaign,
Figueroa is absolute dictator of Guerrero
and Morelos. If he is able to control
these two states, he is able to take
Mexico City with little trouble.

It is acknowledged even in government
circles here that if the city is attacked
there would be an internal uprising to
help the invaders. It is believed that
there is a considerable number of army
officers stationed here, who are in com-
munication with Madero, ready to rise
with their men against the government.
Ever since the plot against the govern-
ment was discovered at Tacubaya bar-
racks some weeks ago, for which six
officers are now in prison awaiting court-
martial, it has been known that many
other officers were implicated, though un-
discovered.

The police have been searching for a
large consignment of arms known to
have arrived in this city some weeks ago.
They have been unable to find the arms,
but it is known that they are for use
against the government in case the city
be attacked.

As the garrison of Mexico City has
been greatly depleted in order to send
troops to various points in the republic
where they are urgently needed, it seems
impossible that Diaz will be able to de-
fend an attack by a considerable army.

Another serious menace is the fact that
the rebels hold Huachinango, where is
located the transmission lines that bring
light and power to Mexico City, which
they can shut off at pleasure if the reb-
els decide to attack the city in darkness.

The feeling against President Diaz is
growing, on account of the fact that the
people believe that he should abdicate
immediately and stop the war. As the
popular opinion is sympathetic, there is no
hope that the Diaz regime will triumph.
It is believed that the old man's pride
is the only thing that is standing in the
way of peace. Others insist that Linan-
cours is to blame as dominating the Diaz
cabinet.

NEW SECRETARY OF WAR POSTPONES CONFERENCE

New York, May 14.—Henry L.
Stimson, the new Secretary of
War has decided to postpone his
departure for Washington until
a week from to-morrow. It was
Mr. Stimson's intention to go to
the Capital to-morrow to confer
with the President concerning
his office there, but he changed his
plans to-day.

Girl Is Reinstated.

Pittsburg, May 14.—The girl who was
forced out of her class at the Margaret
Morrison Carnegie School, because she
wrote a letter to the "lovelorn depart-
ment" of a local paper, will be back at
her studies next week, as a result of
action by the faculty. It is a complete
backdown on the part of the high-browed
faculty.

San Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.
U.S. Marshal Spring, 2000 Cumber-
land and return, May 1st. Baltimore &
Ohio R. R. Special train leaves Union
Station at 2:35 a. m.